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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A bearing device for rotatably receiving a control element, in particular a turbulence flap (2), a length switching flap or the like, in media-carrying conduits of an internal combustion engine or the like with comprising a bearing unit comprising first and second receiving means (10, 11) connected by an at least partially elastic connecting element, which rotatably receive the control element and which can be fixed in the conduits, characterised in that said control element comprising first and second bearing journals respectively received in said first and second bearing receiving means, whereby said control element is rotatably fitted into said bearing unit and wherein the bearing receiving means are connected by way of an at least partially elastic connecting element (14) to form a said bearing unit (1) which can be inserted into a receiving means provided in the conduits.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A bearing device as set forth in claim 1 eharacterised in that wherein the bearing receiving means (10, 11) and the connecting element (14) are made in one piece.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A bearing device as set forth in claim 2 characterised in that wherein the bearing unit (1) is substantially in the configuration of a C-shaped profile.

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Claim 4 (currently amended): A bearing device as set forth in claim 3 characterised in that wherein the inside wall of the bearing unit (1) has a flow wall (15e) extending inclinedly relative to the direction of flow of the media flowing therethrough.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A bearing device as set forth in claim 1 characterised in that wherein it has a sealing edge (17).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A bearing device as set forth in claim 4 characterised in that wherein the flow wall (15e) is provided with an opening (15d).

Claim 7 (currently amended): A bearing device as set forth in claim 2 characterised in that wherein it has a sealing edge (17).

Claim 8 (currently amended): A bearing device as set forth in claim 3 characterised in that wherein it has a sealing edge (17).

Claim 9 (currently amended): A bearing device as set forth in claim 4 characterised in that wherein it has a sealing edge (17).

Claim 10. (new): A bearing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the control element is a turbulence flap.

Claim 11. (new): A bearing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the control element is a length switching flap.

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